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TETLEY, William Burchell

London 1748 – St James, Jamaica 1785

William Burchell, or Birchall, Tetley, or Tatley, was baptised at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, 15.V.1748, the son of John and Elizabeth Odder. His burial is recorded at St James, Jamaica, on 16.IX.1785. Of his career we know only that he lived in New York in 1774. According to his advertisements, he took a “commodious house” at the corner of Beaver Street where he painted portraits in oil and miniature, taught dancing in the styles practised in London and Paris (“which last place he has lately visited”) and “teaches ladies and gentlemen drawing and paintings in crayons or water colours” (*New-York gazette and weekly Mercury*, 14.XI.1774). A pair of topographical watercolours appeared at auction (Madrid, 26.I.2012, Lot 176) but no other work is known.